

## **REMARKS**

Thorough examination of the application is appreciated.

### **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 13-14 and 19 are pending, with claims 13 and 19 being independent. As the previous fees paid included payment for three independent claims no additional fee is due at this time. Claims 1-12, 15-6, 17-18, and 20 are selectively canceled without prejudice to speed the present application and will be later pursued. No new matter has been added.

### **DISCUSSION**

Claims 13-14 and 19 were previously recognized as allowable by Examiner Bui in the action of September 14, 2006 and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited in the form of an official Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due. As there have been no amendments to the claims at issue other than those authorized by the earlier action no additional search is required and speedy completion of the examination is respectfully urged.

### **CONCLUSION**

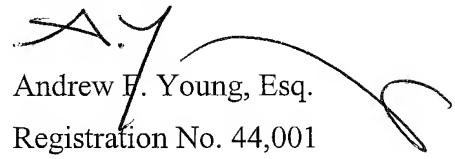
Review of the enclosed Information Disclosure statement is respectfully requested. While Applicants have respectfully disagreed with the Examiner's rejection of the claims Applicant's have elected to amend the claims for allowance only, and solely for the purpose of clarifying the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals (PBG), 35 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000).

Accordingly, the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the spirit of condensed and streamlined practice, if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned counsel at the number listed below for prompt response.

Early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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